

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REVAMPING OF ANIMAL GENETIC
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate funds for revamping the area of animal genetics and breeding; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes Sir. Genetic upgradation of livestock was identified as a major thrust area during the 9th Plan period.

(b): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding` was initiated during 9th Plan period with a 9th Plan allocation of Rs.250.00 crore, as against less than Rs.40.00 crore allocation during 8th Plan period under Centrally Sponsored Schemes concerning cattle and buffalo breeding. The actual amount released to the States for cattle and buffalo breeding during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were Rs.31.71 crore, 6.18 crore, 33.06 crore and Rs.24.92 crore respectively. The National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding emphasises on setting up mechanism towards production and dissemination of quality germ plasm.